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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE REQUEST: MUCCIO LETTER AND NOGUN-RI
SCHOLARSHIP

[1](#)1. (U) Please see action item in paragraph four.

[1](#)2. (SBU) On August 29, poloff received a demarche from Deputy Director Kang Dae-soo of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's (MOFAT) North America Division II. Deputy Director Kang said the ROKG plans to meet with Nogun-ri victims' representatives to share the Department of the Army Inspector General's (DAIG) explanation of the Muccio letter. Following the meeting, the ROKG plans to brief the Korean press on the letter. The explanation to the representatives and the media would not deviate from the explanation delivered by the Office of the Secretary of Defense's LTC Michael Finnegan, Senior Country Director for Korea, Kang assured.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Kang went on to state the ROKG also planned to share with the Nogun-ri victims' representatives the U.S. position on the Nogun-ri Scholarship, concurrently with the Muccio letter explanation.

[1](#)4. (SBU) Action request: To help the ROKG explain the two issues to the representatives and the media, MOFAT is requesting the following:

- the DAIG explanation of the Muccio letter in writing
- a letter from DOD Undersecretary Richard Lawless to MOFAT's Director General of North American Affairs Cho Taeyong on the status of the Nogun-ri Scholarship.

[1](#)5. (SBU) Kang strongly emphasized that the need for written documents was not a matter of trust but a formality to better provide clarification to the Nogun-ri families and the Korean public.
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